

Butte-Silver Bow Study Commission Minutes

Meeting Date: January 27, 2005

Time: 5:33 p.m.

Place: Butte-Silver Bow County Courthouse, 1st Floor Conference Room

Call to Order: Chairman Bob Worley brought the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Chairman Worley proceeded to call roll with the following results:

Members Present: Tony Bonney (late), Ristene Hall, Wayne Harper, Dave Palmer, Meg Sharp, Cindi Shaw, Northey Tretheway, Bob Worley, and Shag Miller. Ron Rowling and Shelly Jones were also present.

Others Present: Danette Harrington, Lori Maloney, Mike Kerns, Jim Fay, Joe Lee, Mike Sheehy, Ted Bury, Charlie O'Leary, Dave Coleman, Bud Walker, Laura Lee Dunlap, Wally Frasz, & John Sorch.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Worley requested approval of the January 27, 2005, minutes. A motion was made by Dave Palmer to approve the minutes; Ristene Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizens Comments: There were no comments from any citizens.

Items Not Addressed on the Agenda: Chairman Worley asked if anyone had any other items for discussion that were not addressed on the agenda. There were none. Chairman Worley asked if everyone approved the new form of minutes discussed at the January 20, 2005, meeting; everyone on the committee approved.

Agenda Item No. 1: Chairman Worley introduced the Council of Commissioners. The Commissioners introduced themselves as follows: Mike Kerns (Commissioner District # 1), Joe Lee (Commissioner District # 2), Jim Fay (Commissioner District # 3), Laura Lee Dunlap (Commissioner District # 9), Buddy Walker (Commissioner District #7) & Wally Frasz (Commissioner District # 6). Chairman Worley began the discussion by telling the Council of Commissioners that his intention was to request comments from them their comments regarding how the charter is written – is there anything in the charter is there anything that can help the Commissioners make Butte-Silver Bow a better place. Also what are the Commissioners goals that they have set for their district and as a group? Mike Kerns began with the question of cutting commissioner seats. Ten years ago, the same discussion came up. Mike Kerns and Tom Lee, at that time, believed the commission should remain at twelve. The cost per household is \$1.11. There is no cost savings to cut the commission. There is no Commissioner here that ran for the money. A commissioner cannot take on twice as many people when it is a part-time position. He asked the Study Commission (SC) to consider keeping the number at twelve (12) commissioners, keeping in mind that it is a good thing that members have diverse opinions. He also suggested that whatever recommendations the SC brings forward to the voters should be broken down into separate issues. Don't make it an all

Date for Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Thursday, January 27, 2005.

Adjourn: Wayne Harper moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30. Cindi Shaw seconded the motion.